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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *14 February 2008*.
2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☐ This action is non-final.
3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-17 and 20-25* is/are pending in the application.
   4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6)☒ Claim(s) *1 and 21* is/are rejected.
7)☒ Claim(s) *2-17, 20, 22-25* is/are objected to.
8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.
   Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
   Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
   a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:
      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
   * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
      Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed 14 Feb. 2008.

Claims 1-17 and 20-25 are pending in this case. Claims 1, 2, 10 and 21 are

independent claims.

Applicant's Response

In Applicant's Response dated 14 Feb. 2008, Applicant amended claims 2-4, 10-

12, 15, 20 and 21; cancelled claims 18 and 19; added new claim 24 and 25. Applicant

argued against all rejections previously set forth in the Office Action dated 14 Nov.

2007.

Claim Objections

Claims 12 and 15 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form

because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only

and further cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP

§ 608.01(n).

Claims 2, 10, 21 and 24, along with their respective dependent claims, contains

allowable subject matter. However the Examiner objects to the previously amended

claim language. The independent claims and dependent claim 24 should be rewritten in

order for the claims to read more clearly. The Examiner suggests the following claim

amendments:

In the claims:

2. (Currently Amended) A method for previewing documents on a computer system comprising the steps of:

displaying a main document which contains a first hyperlink;

~~and in response to an indication of the first hyperlink being received by the computer system,~~ displaying a first preview document, <u>which is referred to by said first hyperlink, in response to an indication of said first hyperlink,</u> ~~which first preview document being that referred to by the first hyperlink~~ whilst retaining [[a]] <u>said</u> display of the main document, ~~so that the document referred to by the first hyperlink may be, previewed, wherein the first preview document contains a second hyperlink~~

<u>wherein said first preview document contains a second hyperlink</u>;

~~in response to an indication of the second hyperlink being received by the computer system,~~ displaying a second preview document ~~which second preview document being that~~ <u>, which is</u> referred to by [[the]] <u>said</u> second hyperlink, <u>in response to an indication of said second hyperlink</u> whilst retaining [[the]] <u>said</u> display of [[the]] <u>said</u> first preview document and said display of said main document ~~so that the document referred to by the second hyperlink may be previewed~~

wherein <u>indicating</u> each hyperlink ~~is indicated~~ to the computer system by positioning a pointer over the hyperlink;

wherein each preview document is opened in a corresponding preview window,

wherein when each preview document is opened, the pointer automatically moves to within the newly opened preview window,

wherein [[the]] said first preview document window remains open as long as the

pointer remains in ~~the window corresponding to the~~ said second preview document

window or [[the]] a window corresponding to a subsequent preview document derived

via a subsequent hyperlink in [[the]] said second preview document,

wherein when the pointer is moved from the second preview document .window

to the first preview document window, the second preview document window closes,

wherein when the pointer is moved to a region not in [[the]] said first preview

document window or [[the]] said second preview document window, or a window

corresponding to a subsequent preview document derived via a subsequent hyperlink in

said second preview document, both the first and second preview document windows

close.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying preview text and spreadsheet

documents referred to by a link in a main document, the system comprising:

   ~~a local network;~~

   a local network containing one or more document stores; ~~connected with the~~

~~local network to store text and spreadsheet documents;~~

      wherein said one or more document stores contains text and spreadsheet

~~document~~ documents;

   a plurality of ~~work stations~~ workstations connected [[with]] to the local network,

      wherein each workstation being operable to store text and spreadsheet

documents in said one or more document stores;

wherein each workstation being operable to access stored text and

spreadsheet documents stored within said one or more document stores, in

response to a link referred to said text or said spreadsheet document being

indicated in a main text or spreadsheet document currently displayed on the

workstation;

wherein each workstation being operable to display a preview of said text

or said spreadsheet document referred to by a link indicated in the main text or

spreadsheet document in whilst displaying the main text or spreadsheet

document.

~~each workstation being operable to co-operate with the~~ access one or more

~~document stores using the local network to store text and spreadsheet documents and~~

~~to access stored text and spreadsheet documents and, in response to a link in a main~~

~~text or spreadsheet document currently displayed on the workstation being indicated to~~

~~the workstation, to display a preview of a text or spreadsheet or document indicated by~~

~~the link in the main text or spreadsheet document in addition to displaying the main text~~

~~or spreadsheet document,~~

wherein the link referring to said text or spreadsheet document is indicated to the

workstation by positioning a pointer over the link.

wherein when each preview document is opened, the pointer automatically

moves to within the newly opened preview window.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of browsing internet websites comprising:

(a) in response to placing a pointer over a URL reference or symbol of a current web page, displaying a ~~first~~ pop-up preview-window also having a URL reference or symbol;

(b) in response to placing the pointer over the URL reference or symbol of [[the]] said pop-up preview-window, displaying a child pop-up preview-window, whilst retaining display of said current web page;

(c) repeating step (b) to generate a plurality of child preview windows; and

wherein when a new preview window is displayed, the pointer is automatically repositioned within the new preview window.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21 wherein step (c) further includes:

after displaying the child pop-up preview window, placing the pointer over a URL reference or symbol in the child preview window to generate a second generation child preview window, the pointer being automatically repositioned within the second generation preview window;

placing the pointer over a URL reference or symbol in the second generation child preview window to generate a third generation child preview window, wherein the pointer being automatically repositioned within the third generation preview window, whilst the first preview window, the child preview window, the second generation child

preview window and the third generation child preview window all continuing to be at

least partially displayed ~~such that a sequence of preview windows are concurrently~~

~~displayed~~.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly
> claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 21 recites the limitation *"(b) in response to placing the pointer over the*

URL reference or symbol of the <u>pop-up preview-window</u>, displaying a child pop-up

preview-window " in lines 5-6, whereas line 2 recites *"(a)……. a <u>first</u>* pop-up preview

window…….". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by
> another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent
> granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the
> applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section
> 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States
> only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2)
> of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Petropoulos et al. (Patent No.: US 7,047,502 B2; Filing Date: September 24, 2001)

(hereinafter "Petropulos").

In regards to independent claim 1, Petropoulos disclose *a method for*

previewing documents on a computer system comprising the steps of:

displaying a main document which contains a first hyperlink (col. 3, lines 32-51;

Petropulos discloses a search-result page/document containing a first hyperlink.).

in response to an indication of the first hyperlink being received by the computer

system, displaying a first preview document which document being that referred to by

the first hyperlink whilst retaining a display of the main document, so that the document

referred to by the first hyperlink may be previewed (col. 3, line 63 – col. 4, line 44;

Petropulos discloses showing preview information when the mouse pointer navigates or

passes (mouse-over) over a defined area. The define area includes but is not limited to

hyperlinks.).

wherein the first hyperlink is indicated to the computer system by positioning a

pointer over the hyperlink (col. 3, line 63 – col. 4, line 44; Petropulos discloses showing

preview information when the mouse pointer navigates or passes (mouse-over) over a

defined area. The define area includes but is not limited to hyperlinks. Thus Petropulos

discloses the first hyperlink is indicated to the computer system by positioning a pointer

over the hyperlink.).

NOTE

It is noted that any citations to specific, pages, columns, lines, or figures in the

prior art references and any interpretation of the reference should not be considered to

be limiting in any way. A reference is relevant for all it contains and may be relied upon

for all that it would have reasonably suggested to one having ordinary skill in the art.

See MPEP 2123.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Remarks and Amendment, filed 14 Feb. 2008, with

respect to the prior art rejection(s) of claim(s) 2-17, 20, 22-23 have been fully

considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the prior art rejection of claim(s) 2-17, 20-23

has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection

is made in view of Petropoulos.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in

this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37

CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later

than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to James J. Debrow whose telephone number is 571-272-

5768. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on 571-272-4137. The fax phone number for

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